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Muslim citizens of India. Delhi Police arrested three activists of Bajrang Dal in connection with this case who were later released on bail granted by the Court. The investigation into the case is in progress.

**Cultural projects for Karnataka**

**\*566. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the ongoing projects and those likely to be commissioned in the near future by Ministry of Tourism and Culture in Karnataka;
- (b) how much Central assistance is earmarked for the purpose; and
- (c) whether the ongoing projects are as per the expectations?

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR):** (a) to (c) The Archaeological Survey of India protects and maintains 504 sites in Karnataka including two World Heritage sites—Hampi and Pattadakal. For archaeological conservation of these monuments a sum of Rs. 2.33 crores has been earmarked for the year 2001-2002. Besides, three new site museums have been set up in Karnataka namely—(i) Museum at Bagli, Distt. Davangere, (ii) Museum at Magazine Building, Hampi, and (iii) Museum at Guard House, Hampi. As part of environmental development, two new gardens are being commissioned at Pattabhiram temple and Queen's Bath at Hampi.

Besides, action is on to set up a branch of the National Gallery of Modern Art in Bangalore.

**Provisional figures of population as per Census, 2001**

**\*567. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have received provisional figures of the population of the country compiled in recent Census, 2001 from the Registrar-General of India;
- (b) if so, the details of the same; and